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Dear Citizens:

We live in a great state! Over 50,000 State of Michigan employees and I are happy to work for and with you to make Michigan the very best it can be.

We envision a Michigan whose quality of life is unparalleled –

- Whose natural resources are accessible and treasured,
- Whose cities and communities are magnets for economic opportunities and pulse with cultural life,
- Whose citizens are involved in every aspect of building this great state,
- Where public service and service to others is exalted,
- And where we are committed to a bright future for every child and family.

We will not waste a moment turning this vision into a reality for us and our children's future right now. We are working hard and we are guided by four core workplace values – Integrity, Teamwork, Excellence and Inclusion.

We need your help, and ask you to do your part by raising up your voice and rolling up your sleeves to get involved.

As the cover exhorts, this guide can help you "Get Connected."  
Your state government is here to serve you, and I hope you will remain actively engaged with us.

Sincerely,



Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor

## **Seven Roads:**

### ***A Plan for Growing Michigan's Economy Into a 21st Century Powerhouse***

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In January 2004, I laid out a seven-point plan to grow Michigan's economy. Our goal is to make Michigan an economic powerhouse for the 21st century. Working together, we will create a state that is a magnet for jobs, people and opportunity.

The seven-point plan to grow Michigan's economy combines key tools to grow businesses AND improve our quality of life – the two must go together. In fact, protecting a strong, vibrant quality of life helps make Michigan more attractive to new job providers, to expanding businesses and to citizens looking to settle in a new state.

The things that are important to Michigan citizens to build their quality of life are the same things businesses are looking for to grow and expand – a state with quality health care, quality education and a quality environment. My plan to grow Michigan's economy focuses on seven key areas:

1. Retaining businesses that are already here.
2. Attracting new businesses and entrepreneurs.
3. Developing a 21st century workforce.
4. Creating "cool," vibrant cities that are attractive to businesses and citizens.
5. Continually enhancing educational opportunities and experiences.
6. Making health care more accessible and more affordable.
7. Making Michigan a national leader in protecting its environment.

As you use this directory, I hope that you'll be able to see how each state department – and each division of those departments – plays a critical role in helping us achieve our vision for this state's progress. Whether it's the Department of Labor and Economic Growth making it easier for a new business to apply for a license or permit, or the Department of Community Health ensuring that health care is affordable so our state – and our workforce – stays healthy, you can see that everything we do in this administration is focused on moving Michigan forward to create a new, strong economy for the 21st century.

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm  
State of Michigan

## **FREQUENTLY CONTACTED STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS**

A Note for Users: This guide is not intended as a comprehensive guide to state government. On the following pages, you will find contact information for some of the many state departments, agencies, and commissions with which citizens often have contact. The list is arranged to be user friendly, and does not reflect the structure of state government.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

## Office of Governor Jennifer M. Granholm

The Governor is the chief executive officer of the State of Michigan and is charged by the constitution to execute and uphold the laws of this great state, the U.S. Constitution, and the laws of the United States of America.

**Executive Assistant:** Sherry Hicks .....(517) 373-3400

## Office of Lt. Governor John D. Cherry

The Lieutenant Governor constitutionally serves as Governor in absence of the Governor, and serves as the President of the State Senate. Also, the Lieutenant Governor is a voting member of the State Administrative Board, and serves as Chair in the absence of the Governor.

**Chief of Staff:** Lynda Rossi .....(517) 373-6800

**Administrative Assistant:** Simone Wilson.....(517) 373-6800

## Appointments Division

The Appointments Division recommends persons to the Governor for appointment to state boards, commissions, judicial vacancies, and boards of certain public universities.

**Director:** Susan Corbin.....(517) 335-7812

**Administrative Assistant:** Rhonda Mitchell.....(517) 335-7812

**Deputy Director:** Karen Towne .....(517) 335-7812

## Office of Chief Operating Officer

The Office of the Chief Operating Officer is the administrative liaison for the Governor and directs all activities authorized by the Governor. It also directs interactions and coordination of state departments; supervises community and statewide efforts; and, oversees legislative, public policy, constituent services, and communication responsibilities for the Office of the Governor.

**Chief Operating Officer:** Richard Wiener .....(517) 335-6998

**Chief Operating Officer for Administration:** Elva Revilla ..(517) 335-6998

**Chief Operating Officer for Policy & Planning:** Chuck Wilbur(517) 335-6998

**Assistant Chief Operating Officer:** Tom Kerr .....(517) 335-6998

**Executive Assistant:** Linda Droste .....(517) 335-6998

## Communications Division

The Communications Division works to inform the public of the Governor's goals, actions, and ideas. Information is provided through the preparation and coordination of news releases, news conferences, and audio and video presentations. The Division also prepares a large volume of speeches and issue papers for the Governor.

## Communications Division - continued

**Director:** Genna Gent .....(517) 335-6397

**Executive Assistant:** Debbie Whipple .....(517) 335-6397

**Press Secretary:** Elizabeth Boyd .....(517) 335-6397

## Constituent Services Division

The Constituent Services Division reviews constituent correspondence, drafts replies, coordinates agency support, and issues gubernatorial tributes, proclamations, and letters recognizing special events and noteworthy achievements. In addition, the division is responsible for responding to constituent visits and phone calls to the Governor's Office.

**Director:** Ric Martin .....(517) 335-7858

**Deputy Director:** Kristie Profit .....(517) 335-7858

**Office Administrator:** Kari Beattie .....(517) 335-7858

## Office of First Gentleman Daniel Granholm Mulhern

The Office of the First Gentleman supports the day-to-day activities and initiatives of the First Gentleman. Major initiatives include Mentor Michigan, Great Workplaces, and the state's Visions and Values process. Mr. Mulhern also serves as Chairman of the Michigan Community Service Commission.

**Chief of Staff:** Mary Zatina .....(517) 241-0534

**Executive Assistant:** Oralya Garza .....(517) 241-0534

## Legal Division

The Division provides legal counsel to the Governor. The Division reviews: charters, inter-local agreements, and resolutions created by local units of government; extraditions, pardons, commutations, and certificates of good conduct for prisoners within Michigan's penal system; and administrative and emergency rules submitted by each state department.

**Director, Legal Counsel:** Kelly Keenan .....(517) 335-6847

**Deputy Legal Counsel:** Teresa Bingman .....(517) 335-7864

**Executive Assistant:** Angel Boshea .....(517) 335-7864

**Executive Assistant:** Geri Hunter .....(517) 335-6847

## Legislative Affairs Division

The Legislative Affairs Division serves as a liaison between the Executive and Legislative branches of government. In conjunction with staff from each state department, the division coordinates and develops legislative strategies and confers with legislators on behalf of the Executive branch. The staff handles inquiries from legislators, legislative staff, constituents, and officials from both the public and private sectors.

**Director:** Tim Hughes .....(517) 241-3950  
**Deputy Director, House:** Monique Pointer .....(517) 241-3950  
**Deputy Director, Senate:** Monica Martinez .....(517) 241-3950  
**Receptionist:** Mia McNeil .....(517) 241-3950

## Governor's Office for Northern Michigan

The office is located in Marquette and serves as the Governor's liaison for Northern Michigan.

**Director:** Matt Johnson .....(906) 228-2850  
**Executive Assistant:** Peggy Cleary .....(906) 228-2850

## Operations Division

The Operations office is responsible for meeting the day-to-day business needs of the Office of the Governor. This involves the coordination of facilities, personnel, budget and information technology.

**Director:** Ray Wert .....(517) 373-7949  
**Deputy Director:** Sarah Garcia .....(517) 373-7949  
**Executive Assistant:** Andrea Post .....(517) 373-7949

## Public Policy Division

The Public Policy Division serves as a liaison between the Governor's Office and State departments and agencies, and works with them to implement the Governor's public policy priorities.

**Director and Cabinet Secretary:** Lisa Webb Sharpe ... (517) 335-7824  
**Executive Assistant:** Pearl Dekker .....(517) 335-7824

## Scheduling Division

The Scheduling Division develops the Governor's long-term and day-to-day calendar, coordinating all events with the Governor's security detail and all participants of any scheduled event.

**Director:** Jennifer LeFevre .....(517) 335-4387  
**Administrative Assistant:** Angela Baker .....(517) 335-4387  
**Deputy Director:** Jeff Dutka .....(517) 335-4387  
**Deputy Director:** JoAnne Huls .....(517) 335-4387

## Governor's Office for Southeast Michigan

The office is located in the city of Detroit and serves as the Governor's liaison for the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Livingston, St. Clair and Washtenaw to promote cooperation and intergovernmental relations.

**Director, SE Michigan:** Robert Davis .....(313) 456-0010  
**Administrative Assistant:** Michelle Mirzoian .....(313) 456-0010  
**Director, Community & Faith Based Initiatives:**  
Greg Roberts .....(313) 456-0010  
**Director, Constituent Relations:** Barbara Jean Johnson (313) 456-0010  
**Director, Gov't & Business Affairs:** Daedra McGhee ... (313) 456-0010  
**Director, Special Projects:** Maxine Berman .....(313) 456-0010

## Governor's Office for Washington, D.C.

The office serves as a liaison with the nation's capital, seeking to maximize Michigan's influence on legislation, and the regulatory and policy process at the federal level. This office is also responsible for advising the Governor on issues of national importance.

**Director:** John Burchett .....(202) 624-5840  
**Deputy Director:** Dan Beattie .....(202) 624-5840  
**Special Assistant:** Leslie Garthwaite .....(202) 624-5840

## **DEPARTMENTS & COMMISSIONS**

## Department of Agriculture

The Department of Agriculture promotes agricultural interests and develops safeguards to protect the public from disease and unsanitary conditions in connection with food production and food handling, product labeling, dairy products, animals and plants.

**General Information** ..... (517) 373-1104  
**Director:** Dan Wyant ..... (517) 373-1052  
**Director of Agriculture Policy:** Christine White ..... (517) 335-3403  
**Deputy Director:** Keith Creagh ..... (517) 335-3402  
**Legislative Liaison:** Brad Deacon ..... (517) 335-3403  
**Media Relations:** Sara Linsmeier-Wurfel ..... (517) 241-4282

## Attorney General

The Attorney General is a constitutional officer, an elected member of the Executive Department of state government, the chief law enforcement officer of the state, and head of the Department of Attorney General. His duties are prescribed by constitution, statute, court decisions and tradition.

**General Information** ..... (517) 373-3110  
**Attorney General:** Mike Cox ..... (517) 373-1110  
**Deputy Attorney General:** Carol Isaacs ..... (517) 373-1110  
**Legislative Liaison:** Deena Bosworth ..... (517) 373-8060  
**Media Relations:** Matt Davis ..... (517) 373-8060

## Michigan Broadband Authority

The Michigan Broadband Authority's mission is to expand broadband access for Michigan's citizens and businesses.

**Vice President:** James Butler III ..... (517) 241-2121

## Children's Ombudsman

The Office of Children's Ombudsman was created as a means of monitoring and ensuring compliance with relevant statutes, rules and policies pertaining to children's protective services and the placement, supervision and treatment of children in foster care and adoptive homes.

**Ombudsman:** Lynne Martinez ..... (517) 373-3077

## Department of Civil Rights

The Department of Civil Rights implements the mission of the Civil Rights Commission, which is to secure the full enjoyment of civil rights guaranteed by law and the constitution through the elimination of discrimination.

**General Information** ..... (517) 335-3165  
**Director:** Linda V. Parker ..... (517) 335-3165  
**Civil Rights Operations Director:** Warran Bonam ..... (517) 335-3165  
**Communications Director:** Trevor Coleman .....Lansing (517) 241-2189  
.....Detroit (313) 456-3809  
**Legislative Liaison:** Dan Bojalad ..... (517) 456-3809  
**Media Relations:** Harold Core ..... (517) 241-2189

## Department of Civil Service

The Department of Civil Service is the central personnel agency for the state government, with overall responsibility for regulating conditions of employment for classified civil service workers in all of the departments of the executive branch of state government.

**General Information** ..... (517) 373-3048  
**Acting Director:** Janet M. McClelland ..... (517) 373-3020  
**Acting Deputy Director:** Janine Winters ..... (517) 373-3020  
**Legislative Liaison and Media Relations:** Joseph Slivensky (517) 373-7704

## Department of Community Health

The functions of the Michigan Department of Community Health include development of state health policy, protection of the public health and managements of the state's publicly funded health service systems.

**General Information** ..... (517) 373-3740  
**Director:** Janet Olszewski ..... (517) 335-0267  
**Chief Deputy Director:** Michael Ezzo ..... (517) 373-3626  
**Chief Medical Executive:** Matt Bolten ..... (517) 335-8900  
**Deputy Director:** Jan Christensen ..... (517) 373-2559  
**Deputy Director:** Yvonne Blackmond ..... (517) 373-4724  
**Legislative Liaison:** Orlene Christie ..... (517) 373-6440  
**Media Relations:** T.J. Bucholz ..... (517) 241-2112  
**Surgeon General:** Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom ..... (517) 335-8011



## Michigan Community Service Commission

The Community Service Commission builds a culture of service by providing vision and resources to strengthen communities through volunteerism.

**Executive Director:** Kyle Caldwell .....(517) 335-4295  
**Director of Communication:** Mary Grill .....(517) 335-4295  
**Deputy Director:** Paula Kaiser .....(517) 335-4295  
**Legislative Liaison:** Tom Martin .....(517) 241-4580

## Department of Corrections

The Department of Corrections administers Michigan's adult prison, probation and parole systems.

**General Information** .....(517) 335-1426  
**Director:** Patricia L. Caruso .....(517) 373-1944  
**Deputy Director:** Dennis S. Schrantz .....(517) 241-7279  
**Deputy Director:** Dennis M. Straub .....(517) 373-0287  
**Legislative Liaison:** David L. Newman .....(517) 373-0720  
**Media Relations:** Leo R. Lelonde .....(517) 373-6391

## Detroit Metro Airport Authority

The Detroit Metro Airport Authority was created to run Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

**Director:** Mel Farmer .....(517) 335-3327

## Department of Education

The Department of Education, under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, carries out the policies of the State Board of Education. The Department implements federal and state legislative mandates in education.

**General Information** .....(517) 373-3324  
**Superintendent of Public Instruction:** Tom Watkins ..(517) 373-9235  
**Deputy Director:** Carol Wolenberg .....(517) 241-0062  
**Deputy Director:** Jeremy Hughes .....(517) 335-0011  
**Legislative Liaison:** Bob Morris .....(517) 335-4913  
**Media Relations:** Martin Ackley .....(517) 241-4935

## Employment Security Board of Review

The Employment Security Board of Review hears and decides appeals of the Bureau of Hearings referee decisions or orders connected with claims for unemployment compensation for federal workers, state employees, veterans, and industrial and commercial workers.

**General Information** .....(800) 738-6372  
**Director:** R. Douglas Daligga .....(517) 241-7333

## Department of Environmental Quality

The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to protecting human health and to preserving a healthy environment. The department will exemplify good environmental stewardship and affirm that a healthy environment is critical to our social, cultural and economic well-being.

**General Information** .....(517) 373-7917  
**Director:** Steven E. Chester .....(517) 373-7917  
**Deputy Director:** Stanley (Skip) Pruss .....(517) 241-7392  
**Deputy Director:** Jim Sygo .....(517) 241-7394  
**Legislative Liaison:** Carol Linteau .....(517) 241-7396  
**Media Relations:** Pat Spitzley .....(517) 241-7397

## Family Independence Agency

The Family Independence Agency directs the operations of public assistance and service programs, administers assistance payment programs, child support collection and client welfare fraud investigations, and provides additional services to children, adults and families of the state.

**General Information** .....(517) 373-2021  
**Director:** Marianne Udow .....(517) 373-1121  
**Chief Deputy Director of Operations:** Laura Champagne ..(517) 373-7500  
**Deputy Director, Field Operations:** Jim Nye .....(517) 373-3570  
**Legislative Liaison:** Ron Hicks .....(517) 335-3482  
**Media Relations:** Karen Smith .....(517) 373-7394

## Financial and Insurance Services

The Office of Financial and Insurance Services provides information regarding financial institutions, insurance and securities.

**General Information** .....(517) 373-0220  
**Chief of Staff:** Ken Ross .....(517) 335-1732

## Financial and Insurance Services - continued

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**Commissioner:** Linda A. Watters .....(517) 335-3167  
**Deputy Director:** Frances Wallace .....(517) 335-2057  
**Legislative Liaison:** Krystal Rourke .....(517) 373-1866  
**Media Relations:** Marilyn Maloney .....(517) 335-1700

## Office of the Great Lakes

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The Office of the Great Lakes addresses water diversions, binational agreements, the Michigan Great Lakes Protection Fund and the aquatic nuisance species state management plan.

**General Information** .....(517) 335-4056  
**Director:** Ken DeBeaussaert .....(517) 335-4056  
**Executive Assistant:** Ann Pohl .....(517) 335-4056

## Department of History, Arts and Libraries

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The Department of History, Arts and Libraries was created to combine and coordinate efforts to preserve, promote and protect Michigan's heritage.

**Director:** William (Bill) M. Anderson .....(517) 241-2236  
**Deputy Director:** Mark Hoffman .....(517) 241-2236  
**Legislative Liaison:** Nick Bozen .....(517) 241-2236  
**Media Relations:** Sarah Lapshan .....(517) 241-2236

## Michigan State Housing Development Authority

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The Michigan State Housing Development Authority was created to finance safe and sanitary housing for low-income and moderate-income families, senior citizens and the handicapped.

**Acting Director:** Rick Laber .....(517) 373-6022  
**Deputy Director:** Rick Pennings .....(517) 335-5966  
**Legislative Liaison:** Gary Heidel .....(517) 373-6017  
**Media Relations:** Mary Lou Keenon .....(517) 373-0011

## Department of Information Technology

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The Department of Information Technology leads state efforts for the use of common technology across the executive branch of government.

**Director:** Teri M. Takai .....(517) 373-1006  
**Deputy Director:** George Boersma .....(517) 335-0717  
**Deputy Director:** Ken Theis .....(517) 241-5146  
**Legislative Liaison:** Carol Steffanni .....(517) 241-5147  
**Media Relations:** Karen Stock .....(517) 335-3713

## Department of Labor and Economic Growth

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The Department of Labor and Economic Growth was created to promote job creation and economic growth in Michigan by centralizing and streamlining the state's job, workforce and economic development functions under one department.

**General Information** .....(517) 373-1820  
**Director:** David C. Hollister .....(517) 241-7054  
**Deputy Director:** Robert Swanson .....(517) 373-1820  
**Deputy Director:** Dennis Sykes .....(517) 373-7230  
**Legislative Liaison:** Tom Martin .....(517) 241-4580  
**Media Relations:** Maura Campbell .....(517) 373-9280

## Liquor Control Commission

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The Liquor Control Commission is responsible for the licensing of the manufacture, distribution, and retail sale of all beer, wine, distilled spirits, and mixed drinks in Michigan.

**General Information** .....(517) 322-1400  
**Chairperson:** Nida Samona .....(517) 322-1353

## Department of Lottery

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The Department of Lottery is charged with initiating, establishing, and operating a state lottery, and maximizing net revenues consistent with the general welfare of the people.

**Commissioner:** Gary Peters .....(517) 335-5608  
**Deputy Commissioner of Administration:** Margie Reh ..(517) 335-5635  
**Deputy Commissioner of Marketing:** Tom Weber ....(517) 335-6832  
**Deputy Commissioner of Operations:** Connie Souza ..(517) 335-5727  
**Legislative Liaison:** Gary Peters .....(517) 335-5608  
**Media Relations:** Stepheni Schlinker .....(517) 335-5641

## Mackinac Island State Park Commission

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The Mackinac Island State Park Commission was established for the control and management of Mackinac Island State Park, Colonial Michilimackinac State Park and Historic Mill Creek State Park.

**Director:** Phil Porter .....(231) 436-4100  
**Media Relations:** Tim Putman .....(517) 373-4296

## Department of Management and Budget

The Department of Management and Budget is an interdepartmental service and management agency responsible for providing financial management, property management, capital facility development, procurement, retirement and related benefits, employee benefit programs, accounting and payroll functions, demographic functions, geographic information, systems development and office support services to state agencies.

**Director:** Mitch Irwin .....(517) 373-0666  
**Chief Deputy Director:** Phyllis Mellon .....(517) 373-6741  
**Legislative Liaison:** Sergio Paneque .....(517) 241-3779  
**Legislative Liaison (Retirement Issues):** Chris DeRose ..(517) 322-6804  
**Media Relations:** Bridget Medina .....(517) 241-8483

## Michigan Economic Development Corporation

The purpose of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation is to stimulate, coordinate and advance economic development in the state.

**Director:** Donald E. Jakeway .....(517) 335-5833  
**Deputy Director:** Sanford (Sandy) Ring .....(517) 335-5883  
**Legislative Liaison:** James McBryde .....(517) 335-1847  
**Media Relations:** Michael Shore .....(517) 335-4590

## Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

The Department of Military and Veteran Affairs has three primary missions: to execute the duties laid down by various statutes and the Governor, administration of the state-supported veterans programming and military preparedness to assist both state and federal authorities.

**General Information** .....(517) 483-5500  
**Director of Veterans Affairs:** Brig. Gen. Fausone ....(517) 335-6523  
**Adjutant General and Director:** Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler (517) 483-5507  
**Brigadier General:** Brig. Gen. Heaton .....(517) 483-5503  
**Brigadier General:** Brig. Gen. Taylor .....(517) 483-5505  
**Deputy Director for Veterans Affairs:** Hugh Hess ....(517) 335-6523  
**Homeland Security:** Col. McDaniel .....(517) 483-5833  
**Legislative Liaison:** Steven Kozera .....(517) 483-5875  
**Public Affairs Officer:** Maj. Dawn Dancer .....(517) 483-5600

## Department of Natural Resources

The Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural resources for current and future generations.

**Director:** Rebecca Humphries .....(517) 373-2329  
**Administrative Services Deputy:** Kelli Sobel .....(517) 373-2425  
**Press Secretary:** Brad Wurfel .....(517) 335-3014  
**Resource Management Deputy:** George E. Burgoyne, Jr. ..(517) 373-0046  
**Special Assistant to the Director/Legislative Liaison:**  
Dennis Knapp .....(517) 373-0023  
**Upper Peninsula Field Deputy:** Jim Ekdahl .....(906) 228-6561

## Michigan Public Service Commission

The Michigan Public Service Commission is responsible for the administration of policies and regulations to ensure that energy, communications and transportation services are provided in an efficient, reliable and safe manner to adequately meet the needs of Michigan's citizens.

**General Information** .....(517) 241-6180  
**Deputy Director:** Mike Fielek .....(517) 241-6190  
**Chairman:** J. Peter Lark .....(517) 241-6190  
**Legislative Liaison:** Sharon Theroux .....(517) 241-6192  
**Media Relations:** Judy Palnau .....(517) 241-6020

## Office of the Racing Commissioner

The Office of the Racing Commissioner prescribes and enforces rules and regulations governing the conduct and promoting the safety, security, growth and integrity of all pari-mutual horse racing in the state.

**Commissioner:** Robert Geake .....(734) 462-2400  
**Deputy Commissioner:** Jim Bowes .....(734) 462-2400  
**Deputy Commissioner:** Steven Jenkins .....(734) 462-2400  
**Information Manager:** Dominic Perrone .....(734) 462-2400

## Office of Regulatory Reform

The Office of Regulatory Reform was created to review proposed rules, coordinate the processing of rules by state agencies, and work with agencies to streamline the rulemaking process and to improve public access.

**Director:** Brian Devlin .....(517) 241-1677

## Secretary of State

The mission of the Secretary of State is to provide the most efficient and effective services to the citizens of Michigan in the licensing of drivers and the registration and titling of vehicles; the regulation on automobile dealers and repair facilities; the registration of voters and administration of elections; and the streamlined collection of revenue.

**Secretary of State:** Terri Lynn Land .....(517) 373-2510  
**Chief of Staff:** Brian DeBano .....(517) 335-2436  
**Director Government Affairs:** Doug Novak .....(517) 373-4422  
**Legislative Liaison:** James Fackler .....(517) 373-4422  
**Media Relations:** Kelly Chesney .....(517) 373-2520

## Offices of Services to the Aging

The Office of Services to the Aging's mission is to promote and enhance the dignity and independence of older persons.

**Director:** Sharon Gire .....(517) 373-8268  
**Deputy Director:** Peggy Brey .....(517) 373-4073  
**Legislative Liaison:** Sally Steiner .....(517) 373-8810  
**Media Relations:** T.J. Bucholz .....(517) 241-2112

## Office of the State Employer

The Office of the State Employer carries out the central labor relations responsibilities as the employers of the state classified workforce.

**Director:** David H. Fink .....(517) 373-7400

## State Police Department

The purpose of the Department of State Police is to provide 24-hour statewide quality police service for the safety and protection of the people and their property in the state of Michigan.

**General Information** .....(517) 332-2521  
**Director:** Col. Tadarial Sturdivant .....(517) 336-6157  
**Deputy Director:** Lt. Col. Peter Munoz .....(517) 336-6174  
**Deputy Director:** Lt. Col. Thomas Miller .....(517) 336-6161  
**Deputy Director:** Lt. Col. Timothy Yungfer .....(517) 336-6159  
**Legislative Liaison:** Sgt. Matt Bolger .....(517) 336-6172  
**Legislative Liaison:** Sgt. Carl Lafata .....(517) 336-6172  
**Legislative Liaison:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Greg Zarotney .....(517) 336-6172

## Tax Tribunal

The Tax Tribunal hears appeals from taxpayers who are aggrieved by property tax assessments, special assessments, equalization, allocation and apportionment under the general property tax laws.

**General Information** .....(517) 334-6521  
**Chairperson:** Jack Van Coevering .....(517) 334-6531

## Department of Transportation

The primary functions of the Department of Transportation are the planning, design, construction, safety improvement and maintenance those portions of the transportation system under state jurisdiction. The Department of Transportation also administers state and federal funding for local systems and provides technical assistance for 15 modes of transportation.

**General Information** .....(517) 373-2090  
**Director:** Gloria J. Jeff .....(517) 373-0718  
**Deputy Director:** Kirk T. Steudle .....(517) 393-9571  
**Legislative Liaison:** Ronald K. DeCook .....(517) 373-3946  
**Media Relations:** Benjamin Kohrman .....(517) 335-3084

## Department of Treasury

The state Treasurer acts as principal advisor to the Governor on tax and fiscal policy issues.

**General Information** .....(517) 373-3200  
**State Treasurer:** Jay B. Rising .....(517) 373-3223  
**Deputy Director:** Julie Croll .....(517) 373-8404  
**Deputy Director:** Cynthia Faulhaber .....(517) 241-2726  
**Legislative Liaison:** Andy Neumann .....(517) 241-1738  
**Media Relations:** Terry Stanton .....(517) 335-1356

## Unemployment Insurance Agency

The Unemployment Insurance Agency administers state programs to compensate workers for joblessness and for work-related injuries.

**General Information** .....(517) 456-2424  
**Director:** David Plawecki .....Lansing (517) 241-3559  
.....Detroit (313) 456-2411  
**Deputy Director:** Sharon Bommarito .....(313) 456-2406  
**Deputy Director:** Marcia Valentine .....(313) 456-2938  
**Media Relations:** Norm Isotalo .....(313) 456-2939

**Michigan Women's Commission**

The Michigan Women's Commission functions to stimulate and encourage the study and review of the status of women, to recommend methods of overcoming discrimination, and to promote enabling strategies for and recognition of women.

*General Information* .....(517) 373-2884  
*Director:* Judy Karandjeff .....(517) 241-2396

**Worker's Compensation Appellate Commission**

The Worker's Compensation Appellate Commission serves Michigan's employees and employers by addressing and resolving worker's compensation appeals expeditiously, impartially and in a judicious manner.

*General Information* .....(517) 322-6689  
*Chairman:* William Reamon, Jr .....(517) 334-9719

**Frequently Asked Questions**

*How can I find out who is my State Representative or Senator?*

- Go to [www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org)

*Who do I contact about issues with our local schools?*

- Student Issue Hotline (888) 323-4231

*Who do I contact about fuel quality or pumps at the local gas station that are not calibrated properly?*

- Department of Agriculture (800) 632-3835
- Consumer Protection Hotline (877) 765-8388

*Who do I file a complaint with about my utility company?*

- Public Service Commission (800) 292-9555

*Who do I contact for a copy of birth, death, marriage or divorce records?*

- Community Health Vital Statistics (517) 335-8666

*If my civil rights have been violated, who should I contact?*

- Civil Rights (800) 482-3604

*Who do I contact with environmental questions or problems?*

- (800) 662-9278

*If I want to travel Michigan, from whom can I get information?*

- (888) 784-7328

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***[www.michigan.gov/gov](http://www.michigan.gov/gov)***

Lieutenant Governor  
***[www.michigan.gov/lsgov](http://www.michigan.gov/lsgov)***

First Gentleman  
***[www.michigan.gov/firstgentleman](http://www.michigan.gov/firstgentleman)***

Michigan eLibrary (MeL)  
***[www.mel.org](http://www.mel.org)***

Federal Government  
***[www.firstgov.gov](http://www.firstgov.gov)***

Michigan Compiled Laws  
***[www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org)***

Michigan Newswire  
***[www.michigan.gov/minewswire](http://www.michigan.gov/minewswire)***